

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Original) Eye implant, comprising a flat element made of biocompatible material, said element being made at least partly opaque or light reflecting, such that in use the eye implant shall be visible, once implanted in an eye.
2. (Original) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein said element is substantially opaque and made light reflecting.
3. (Original) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein said element is substantially disc shaped.
4. (Original) Eye Implant according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said flat element is less than approximately 0.5 mm, preferably between 0 and 0.3 mm and most preferably between 1 and 250 micron.
5. (Original) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein said element has a relatively small thickness and dimensions perpendicular to said thickness which are less than 12 mm, more particularly less than 5 mm and preferably between 0.5 and 4 mm.
6. (Original) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein the implant has an outer edge which is substantially rounded.
7. (Original) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein the implant is a cosmetic implant.
8. (Currently Amended) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein the implant is substantially made of a material or combination of materials selected ~~chosen~~ from the

group consisting of platinum, platinum-iridium, titanium, gold, silver, glass, polymethylmethacrylate, stone, jewelry stone, sand, silica, porcelain, hair, and cilia.

9. (Original) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein the material or combination of materials used allows sterilisation.

10. (Previously Presented) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein the implant has at least one concave surface, preferably one concave and one convex surface.

11. (Currently Amended) Eye implant according to claim 1, enclosed in a closed container ~~like a box or pouch~~, said eye implant being sterilised or sterilisable within said container.

12. (Original) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein attachment means are provided for permanently or releasably connecting said implant to an eye, especially to the conjunctiva, sclera, cornea or iris of an eye.

13. (Currently Amended) Eye implant according to claim 1, adapted to be positioned on an eye, especially on the conjunctiva of an eye, visible in a frontal view of said eye with open eyelids.

14. (Currently Amended) Eye implant according to claim 1, adapted to be positioned in an eye, especially in the conjunctiva of an eye, visible in a frontal view of said eye with open eyelids.

15. (Withdrawn) Eye implant according to claim 1, positioned in an eye, especially between the conjunctiva and the sclera of an eye, visible in a frontal view of said eye with open eyelids.

16. (Withdrawn) Eye implant according to claim 1, positioned in an eye, especially on or in the sclera of an eye, visible in a frontal view of said eye with open eyelids.

17. (Withdrawn) Eye implant according to claim 1, positioned in an eye, especially in or on the cornea or iris of an eye, visible in a frontal view of said eye with open eyelids.

18. (Currently Amended) Eye implant according to claim 1, wherein the implant consists of or comprises multiple particles or multiple particles evenly distributed within a visco elastic material as a carrier substance, ~~for example a visco elastic material, for example hyaluronic acid.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic eye implant, comprising a flat element made of biocompatible material, said element being made at least partly opaque or light reflecting, such that in use the eye implant shall be visible, once implanted in an eye. ~~Use of a flat, bio-compatible element, especially according to claim 1 as a cosmetic eye implant.~~

20. (Currently Amended) ~~Eye of a vertebrate, comprising a~~ A cosmetic eye implant adapted to be positioned in, on or between the conjunctiva, sclera, cornea and/or iris thereof. of an eye of a vertebrate.

21. (Currently Amended) Cosmetic eye implant ~~[[Eye]]~~ according to claim 20, wherein said eye implant is positioned spaced apart from the pupil of said eye and is visible from a frontal view.

22. (Currently Amended) Method for implanting an element in an eye, comprising the steps of:

providing said an element made of eye compatible material, which element is at least partly opaque and/or light reflecting;

providing an opening in the conjunctiva of an eye;

dissecting part of the conjunctiva from the conjunctiva or sclera through said opening;

inserting said element in the conjunctiva or between the conjunctiva and the sclera through said opening; and

closing said opening ~~preferably by self sealing~~, thereby enclosing said element.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein said opening is provided spaced apart from a desired implantation site, whereby a subconjunctive tunnel is provided from said opening to said implantation site, the opening preferably being closed with self absorbing suture[[,]] or glue ~~or the like~~.

24. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 22, wherein an implantation site used is situated in a temporal or nasal conjunctive area, preferably a lower temporal or nasal area, about 2 to 5 mm spaced apart from the relevant part of the limbus.

25. (Withdrawn) Method for implanting an element in an eye, comprising the steps of:
 providing said element made of eye compatible material, which element is at least partly opaque and/or light reflecting;
 providing an opening in the conjunctiva of an eye;
 providing a scleral tunnel into the clear cornea of said eye, connected to said opening;
 introducing said element into said scleral tunnel through said opening into the peripheral cornea; and
 closing said opening, thereby enclosing said element in said scleral tunnel.

26. (Withdrawn) Method according to claim 25, wherein an implantation site is used situated in a temporal or nasal cornea area, preferably a lower temporal or nasal area, about 1 to 2 mm spaced apart from the relevant part of the limbus.

27. (Withdrawn) Method for implanting an element in an eye, comprising the steps of:
 providing said element made of eye compatible material, which element is at least partly opaque and/or light reflecting;
 providing an opening in the conjunctiva of an eye;
 providing a scleral incision into the clear cornea of said eye, connected to said opening;
 providing an incision from said scleral incision into the anterior chamber of said eye;

introducing said element through said opening and said incisions into said anterior chamber and positioning said element on the iris of said eye; and
closing said opening.

28. (Withdrawn) Method according to claim 27, wherein an implantation site is used situated in an interpalpebral area of the mid iris or of the mid-central iris.

29. (Currently Amended) A set for inserting an eye implant into an eye, said set comprising:

an eye implant comprising a flat element made of biocompatible material, said element being made at least partly opaque or light reflecting, such that in use the eye implant shall be visible, once implanted in an eye,

at least one scalpel,

visco elastic material, and

at least one forceps.

~~Set of an eye implant according to claim 1, at least one scalpel or similar knife, visco elastic material and at least one forceps.~~

30. (New) Eye implant according to claim 11, wherein the closed container is a box or a pouch.

31. (New) The eye implant according to claim 18, wherein the visco elastic material is hyaluronic acid.

32. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the opening is closed by self-sealing.